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TOPIC Military Activities and Shipments in Brandenburg and Magdeburg

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following shipments were observed at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station between 24 April and 4 May 1955:

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24 April. A shipment of 8 x 85-mm AT guns and 25 trucks from Flak Kaserne (2002), which was loaded after 2100.

25 April. A shipment of 12 x 85-mm AT guns and some 30 trucks, which left during the morning.

3 May. A shipment of 1 x 100-mm AT gun, 3 x 85-mm AT guns, 38 trucks including some with billeting equipment, 4 field kitchens and 3 command cars, which was loaded after 0630.

4 May. A shipment of 8 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 76-mm AT guns, 36 trucks, 3 command cars, 3 motorcycles and 4 field kitchens, which left at 0500.

All shipments went to Jaevenitz.

After 4 May, the Flak Kaserne was occupied only by a small rear detail.¹

2. About 25 April, 4 Z-65 prime movers from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. On 4 May, 5 old tractors from the same installation were entrained at the same station.²

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3. At 0900 on 4 May, some 10 x 100-mm AT guns with prime movers, approximately 35 trucks and 10 boxcarloads of soldiers were entrained at the Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt railroad station. The unit had come from the direction of the Flak Kaserne (5282).³

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4. At 1400 on 4 May, approximately 25 trucks with pontoons passed over the northern road bridge (Wilhelm Pieck Bruecke) in Magdeburg en route toward the west. Between 0700 and 1230 on 5 May, about 28 trucks including some occupied by soldiers or carrying engineer equipment and 8 trucks each

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5. On 3/5 May, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287), the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) and the Flak Kaserne (5282) in Magdeburg appeared to be occupied to capacity. The Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283) and the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) appeared to be occupied to about 50 percent.

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1. Comment. The two medium AT regiments of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig transferred to the northern portion of Letzling Heath

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2. Comment. Including the prime movers mentioned in the present report, the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig turned in a total of approximately 75 old prime movers.

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3. Comment. units of the heavy AT regiment of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig were probably loaded and, similar to elements from Brandenburg which were entrained at the same time, presumably transferred to the northern portion of Letzling Heath.

4. Comment. Elements of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of GSFG may have left for a summer camp. This assumption is contradicted by information in paragraph 5, according to which the quarters of the regiment in the Seeckt Kaserne were occupied to capacity on 5 May. It is also possible that the U/i Gds Engr Bn of the 19th Gds Mecz Div transferred to the Bittkau training site at the same time as other engineer units from the zone.

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5. Comment. The departure of elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div from Herrenkrug Kaserne has not been reported so far. it is possible that the Engr Bn of the division, which may be stationed in this installation, left on 4/5 May. See Comment 4.

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6. Comment. Similar observations were also reported from other posts in the zone.

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